

Weekly Status & Information Report - Week of November 7 - November 11, 2011

The City of Takoma Park and the Board of Elections results for the 2011 City Election:

Mayoral Race: Bruce Williams 1663, 92 write-ins

Ward 1: Seth Grimes 247, 9 write-ins

Ward 2: Tim Male 351, Lorig Charkoudian 334, 1 write-in

Ward 3: Kay Daniels-Cohen 290, Mike Graul 90, Jeffrey Noel-Nosbaum 67, 3 write-ins

Ward 4: Terry Seamens 195, 4 Mendoza write-ins

Ward 5: Reuben Snipper 75, 1 write-in

Ward 6: Fred Schultz 134, Barrie Howard 111

Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of November 7, 2011:

- The City Council will not meet on Monday. The next meeting will be on November 21.
- Recreation Committee meeting, Monday, November 14, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Tree Commission meeting, Monday, November 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, 7 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Facade Advisory Board meeting, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomago.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. (City Clerk)

City Offices Closed for Veterans Day: City offices and the Library will be closed on Friday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day. The Recreation Department's Fun Day program will be held, however. The Community Center will continue to be closed throughout the weekend, but the Library will be open as usual on Saturday, November 12. The Police Department is always open. (Administration)

Trash & Recycling Collection: The Friday trash and recycling collection will take place Saturday, November 12, due to the Veterans Day Holiday which is observed on Friday, November 11. (Public Works)

Interesting Lecture Tonight! "History and Helicoptering": How Past Factors Explain Parents' Anxieties," a lecture with Historian Peter N. Stearns tonight in the Takoma Park Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Free Admission. (Housing & Community Development)

Leaf Collection Program: This year's vacuum leaf collection program will be offered City-wide from November 21 through December 23. Residents on City streets can rake their leaves to the curb at their convenience. City crews will collect leaf piles within 2 weeks of their appearance at the curb. Residents can also report their leaf piles on the City's Leaf Collection Hotline at 301-891-7626. For residents who live on State Highways, collection days have been assigned. For Philadelphia and Piney Branch Road, collection will take place November 18 and December 19. For Carroll Avenue (7000 to 7800 blocks), Ethan Allen Avenue and Flower Avenue (7900 to 8600 blocks), collection will take place November 28 and December 16. (Public Works)

Third Thursday Poetry Reading: Open reading, all poets welcome! November 17, 7:30 pm in the Takoma Park Auditorium. Free Admission. (Housing & Community Development)

Concerts in the Auditorium: Guitarist John Doyle in Concert, Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m., performing in the Irish and Appalachian traditions. Admission charge. Go to imtfolk.org for more information. Washington Musica Viva Chamber Music, Friday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m., Claude Bolling's Suite for violin plus jazz trio, and "Bukowski Liked Mozart" by Charley Gerard. Admission charge. Go to dcmusicaviva.org for more information. KIZUNA: Reunion, Saturday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m., an evening of Taiko Japanese drumming. Free admission; suggested donation. (Housing & Community Development)

"Thinking Like an Investor" - Re-scheduled for November 30: The last class in the Financial Management series has been re-scheduled to Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. It had originally been scheduled for November 16. The class will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center and is free to Takoma Park residents (non-residents \$25). Pre-registration is required by calling Linda Walker at 301-891-7222. (Housing and Community Development)

Public Works Construction Update: The Public Works Administrative office reopened at the 31 Oswego Avenue address last week. Residents wishing to pick up permit applications, pay for heavy collection or replace their recycling container should come directly to the new office in the old location. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The remaining construction is anticipated to be completed in mid-November. (Public Works)

Street Tree Planting: The City Arborist reports that over 120 street trees will be planted in this fall's planting program. By the end of this week trees will be planted on Park Avenue, Holt Place, Columbia Avenue and Hickory Avenue. Tree

replacements for Woodland Avenue and Manor Circle will take place next week. (Public Works)

Bulk Buy Tree Planting: 36 trees were purchased in this fall's bulk buy program. Thirteen of these trees were purchased with the \$100 credit provided by the City for this year's program. These trees will be planted next week. (Public Works)

Winter Basketball League: Over 200 youth are already registered. If you haven't signed up already; now is the time! Teams are being formed for the 2012 Winter Basketball League. This program is open to all girls and boys ages 5 – 12 years old and grades K – 8. To register online please visit: www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. (Recreation)

Volunteers needed for the Winter Basketball League: The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for spirited and dedicated volunteers to serve as coaches, game clock attendants, and score keepers. No experience is necessary as training is provided. For additional information on how to volunteer please contact Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

Winter Basketball League Mandatory Coaches Meeting: On Tuesday, November 22, the Recreation Department will be hosting the 2012 Winter Basketball Coaches meeting. The meeting will be held at the Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Park MD., 20912) at 6:30 p.m. It is imperative that all coaches make every effort to attend, as important league information will be discussed during this time. (Recreation)

Teen X-BOX Tournament: Takoma Park teens participated in an X-BOX tournament in the teen lounge on November 4. They had a round robin tournament featuring Madden 2011 and NBA 2K11. On November 7, we presented our two winners with a first place ribbon, an X-BOX crown, and each received a gift card to Regal Movie Theaters. (Recreation)

Teen College Tour: On November 12, the Recreation Department teen staff will be escorting teens to the College Expo at University of Maryland College Park which will consist of more than 300 schools from around the nation. We will take High School Juniors and Seniors so they can connect directly with colleges to find out information about their schools and programs they offer. The expo also provides numerous scholarships and access to scholarship programs. (Recreation)

Seniors Visit Artists: Sixteen seniors traveled by Recreation Bus to Lorton, Va on Wednesday, November 9 to visit the Workhouse Arts Center. The Workhouse Arts Center, a project of the Lorton Arts Foundation, was once a prisoner rehabilitation facility, then a correctional facility and now is a center for art, culture, and history where visitors can tour the grounds, learn about the history of the complex, and visit the museum and artist's studios. (Recreation)

Safety for Seniors: Officer Carla Magnaye, of the Takoma Park Police Department, presented the first topic in a series of safety presentations to Takoma Park seniors on Monday, November 7. This one hour safety presentation covered "Home Safety and Security." Additional safety presentations are planned for November and December 2011. For more information about the safety series, please call Officer Carla Magnaye at 301-891-7121 or call Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program, at 301-891-7280. (Recreation)

Police Department Meetings: On November 10, Captain Coursey attended the regularly scheduled Emergency preparedness Committee meeting. Briefs were presented on City, County and other organizations' participation in several recent exercises including Capital Shield, a Montgomery County functional winter storm exercise, and several other exercises. Additionally, the committee discussed strategy on distributing some more public information including planned articles for the City Newsletter and the need for development of website material on behalf of the committee.

Police Department Training:

On November 8 and 9, Captain Coursey attended a two day train-the-trainer course for Continuity of Operations (COOP) managers, held at the Montgomery County EOC. The course was instructed by FEMA staff and affiliated experts in the field of continuity planning.

Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (November 4 - 10, 2011) may be viewed online at http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/11/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_10.html.

Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 158 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrests from traffic, two arrests from traffic and four vehicle impounds. During October 31 – November 9, 2011, the following details were completed:

October 31, 2011

Park Avenue at Spruce Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four warnings.

November 4, 2011

Flower Avenue and Piney Branch Road (miscellaneous enforcement activity) - conducted a 15-minute detail and issued two State citations.

November 6, 2011

1100 block of University Blvd. (pedestrian crosswalk violations) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued one State citation.

November 7, 2011

Takoma-Langley Crossroads area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued six State citations.

1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

November 8, 2011

Kirklynn Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue (seat belt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued seven State citations.

November 9, 2011

Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued seven State citations.

Takoma-Langley Crossroads area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued 15 State citations.

Ethan Allen Avenue and Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.

East West Highway and New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes): Week of November 4 – 9, 2011

Calls for service: 8

State Citations issued: 73

City tickets: 11

Reports: 4

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 4

Training: 6 hours